(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इस पर सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई गयी है?

खाद्य मंत्री तथा नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री देवेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव): (क) से (ग) राजस्थान सरकार ने सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के लिए गेहूं का मासिक कोटा 185000 टन निर्धारित करने की मांग की है जबकि उन्हें जनवरी, 1997 के लिए 122000 टन, फरवरी, 1997 के लिए 127000 टन और मार्च, 1997 के लिए 130000 टन गेहूं का मासिक कोटा आवंटित किया गया था। सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के चावल के कोटे में वृद्धि करने के लिए कोई अनुरोध प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है। सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के लिए खाद्यान्नों (गेहूं और चावल) के आवंटन राज्यों की सापेक्ष मांगों, उठान की प्रवृत्ति, केन्द्रीय पूल में स्टाक स्थिति और मौसमी उपलब्धता आदि को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रति मास के आधार पर किए जाते हैं।

लेवी चीनी के सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के कोटे में वृद्धि करने के लिए राजस्थान से कोई अनुरोध प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

Distribution of Levy Sugar and Reimbursement in Railway freight

2325. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the matter of distrbution of levy sugar, only railway frieght from the railway station nearest to mills to the railway station nearest to the place of business of sugar nominee is allowed to be reimbursed;

(b) if so, whether representations have been received from the sugar nominee associations and from Government of Gujarat to allow reimbursement of the acutal minimum cost of transport especially in respect of outlets far away from railway station or unconnected by rail;

(c) whether similar representations have been received from the Stations; and

(d) the Government's response to these representations and the reasons for declining the demand?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (d) Till 1.4.1996 the transportation charges were reimbursable either on the basis of (a) actualy railway freight or (b) actual transportation charges by road at the rate approved by the State Government limited to the rate of transportation charges approved by the FCI for transporting foodgrains in that State. Where the FCI's rates are not available, the State Governments rates be allowed limited to the actual railway freight. Where FCI's rates and rail head is not there, State Government rates may be allowed.

2. Government reccived a series of representations from different State Governments including from Government of Gujarat to allow reimbursement of the actual minimum cost of transport. Considering their problems, it was decided to revise the guidelines for transportation charges w.e.f. 1.4.1996.

3. Now the transportation charges are payable on a flat rate for each State to be fixed on the basis of audited figures of expenditure incurred for previous years duly approved by the State Government concerned.

Import of Wheat to Compel Farmers to Sell Wheat at Lower Prices

2326. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a newsitem appeared in Hindi daily 'Jansatta' regarding import of wheat to compel farmers to sell their wheat at lower prices;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government on each of the issues raised therein;

(c) whether the proposed/stated purchase by Government is in line with the support purchase policy for which minimum support prices are fixed;